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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Kim Michel, I'm a resident of Waldoboro testifying in opposition to the proposed ballot measure LD2239. Schools should create inclusive environments where all children can participate in sports and extracurricular activities equally. Excluding certain students based on outdated, limited understandings of biological sex would be a violation of the Maine Human Rights act.

In order to enforce such a bill, all Maine girls could be subject to invasive processes to prove their sex or gender. This measure, if passed, would violate the privacy of all girls participating in sports and would create an atmosphere of fear and distrust in Maine school sports. Maine has had a long standing tradition of openness and inclusion in school sports, and co-ed sports teams have long been common in more rural areas. Please help us to maintain this spirit and keep all girls and kids in sports safe from invasive checks on their sex or gender by voting against measures such as LD 2239 whenever you have the opportunity.

Thank you.